

Senator Haskell, Representative Elliott, and distinguished members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee:

My name is Caroline Bonnevie. I'm a current sophomore at Wesleyan University and I live in Middletown, CT. I am a constituent of Representative Chafee and Senator Lesser. I'm testifying for House Bill 6374.

Sexual violence on college campuses is an issue that people want to sweep under the rug, but I refuse to allow that to continue. Taking campus climate surveys has so many benefits for the student body. Allowing students to share their experiences will help make campuses everywhere a safer place. Implementing an amnesty policy will also help students to feel free to report sexual violence, especially when you take into consideration how often drugs/alcohol and sexual violence go together. I've heard fellow students discuss how important it is that they can speak about their experience. With these bills, students who were victims of sexual violence can see positive change. I urge you to do what you can to support students and survivors by passing this bill out of committee.

Thank you to the legislators, the staff, and the advocates.

Respectfully,
Caroline Bonnevie